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Holiday Travelers Will See Extra WSP Patrols

The Washington State Patrol will be conducting emphasis patrols throughout the Yakima Valley during the Thanksgiving Holiday week. The emphasis patrols will focus on aggressive and speeding drivers as well as drivers under the influence. Extra patrols are out in force in the ongoing effort to reduce the number of highway deaths and injuries. During the week all available troopers will be participating in the emphasis. Wednesday the 22nd and Sunday the 26th there will be 4 extra shifts in the Valley to enhance local patrols.

During the Holidays many people will be attending various celebrations where alcohol may be served. We would like to remind everyone to please plan ahead for these events and have alternate forms of transportation available such as a designated driver or taxi.

Troopers will target drivers under the influence and any assistance locating these dangerous drivers is appreciated. You can help by calling 911 if you see an aggressive or impaired driver.

During the Thanksgiving Holiday week in 2005 there was one traffic fatality and seven injury collisions in the Yakima Valley. With your help we can reduce the number of injury and fatality collisions making this Holiday season safe and enjoyable for everyone.

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